

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed Without Notice

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services hereby amends Chapter 92, "IowaCare," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment provides notice of premium amounts for medical assistance benefits under the IowaCare program, as updated pursuant to current rules. The income levels and premium amounts are updated annually to reflect the annual update of the federal poverty level guidelines. The changes are implemented as soon as possible after the federal guidelines are announced, but affect individual members only at the beginning of a new 12-month certification period. Notice of the new premium amount is sent to each member before the beginning of the new certification period.

Households with income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level are not assessed a premium. For households with a higher income, income increments are set at each 10 percent over the federal poverty level. For a household that includes only one IowaCare member, the increments are based on the federal poverty level for a household of one. If there are two or more IowaCare members in the household, the income increments are based on the federal poverty level for a household of two. The premium amount for each income level is calculated at 3.5 percent of the lowest income level by increment.

The IowaCare program allows members to request a hardship exemption monthly in lieu of sending in the billed amount, in effect waiving the premium.

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on May 15, 2012.

In compliance with Iowa Code section 17A.4(3), the Department finds that notice and public participation are unnecessary because this amendment merely publishes the results of the application of an adopted methodology which is based on figures that are not under the Department's control.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249J.8.

This amendment will become effective on July 18, 2012.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend paragraph 92.7(1)"a" as follows:

a. The monthly premium is based on the household's countable monthly income as a percentage of the federal poverty level for a household of that size. If there is more than one IowaCare member in a household, a single premium is established for coverage of all of the members in the household. ~~Effective June 1, 2011~~ Subject to the annual update pursuant to paragraph 92.7(1)"b," for applications and recertifications received certification periods beginning on or after April 1, 2012, premiums are as follows:

When there is one IowaCare member in the household and the household's income is at or below:	The member's premium amount is:
150% of federal poverty level	\$0
160% of federal poverty level	\$50 <u>\$51</u>
170% of federal poverty level	\$54 <u>\$55</u>
180% of federal poverty level	\$57 <u>\$58</u>
190% of federal poverty level	\$60 <u>\$61</u>
200% of federal poverty level	\$63 <u>\$65</u>

When there are two or more IowaCare members in the household and the household's income is at or below:	The household's premium amount is:
150% of federal poverty level	\$0
160% of federal poverty level	\$68 <u>\$69</u>
170% of federal poverty level	\$72 <u>\$73</u>
180% of federal poverty level	\$77 <u>\$78</u>
190% of federal poverty level	\$81 <u>\$82</u>
200% of federal poverty level	\$85 <u>\$86</u>

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